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SUBJECT: OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH CONTRACT FOR ATLANTIS II CRUISE

REF: TEHRAN 12647

1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION PROPOSAL DRAFTED BY DR. DAVID ROSS.

QUOTE. TITLE. ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION AND THE IRANIAN DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

INTRODUCTION. THE COOPERATIVE OCEANOGRAPHIC PROGRAM BETWEEN THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION (WHOI) AND THE IRANIAN DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT (DOE) IS A UNIQUE ONE. THE TOTAL FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE
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1977 EXPEDITION AND SUBSEQUENT RESEARCH WILL BE BORNE BY THE U.S. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (83 PERCENT) AND THE DOE (17 PERCENT). WHOI IS A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT RESEARCH INSTITUTION THAT IS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN U.S. RULES AND REGULATIONS. AMONG THE MORE IMPORTANT REGULATIONS AND POLICIES THAT MUST BE INCLUDED AND TAKE PRIORITY IN ANY JOINT VENTURE OR CONTRACT IN WHICH WHOI

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IS A PARTNER ARE:

--1. THE OPEN REPORTING OF RESEARCH RESULTS BY MEANS OF PUBLICATION IN SUITABLE SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS.

--2. THE INSTITUTION APPLIES NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICIES TO ALL ITS EMPLOYEES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE WORKING IN WOODS HOLE OR IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.

--3. ANY RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPED WITH A FOREIGN COUNTRY SHOULD BE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UNITED STATES POLICY AND PRACTICE WHILE REMAINING TOTALLY NON-POLITICAL.

FINANCIAL AND REPORTS. WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR THE IRANIAN PORTION OF THE EXPEDITION:

--1. FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FUNDS TO BE PAID WITH THE JOINT SIGNING OF THIS ADDENDUM AND THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT. THESE FUNDS TO BE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED AND GUARANTEED BY THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION, IF THE OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPEDITIONS PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1977 IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND GULF OF OMAN ABOARD R/V ATLANTIS II DOES NOT TAKE PLACE. THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT WILL ASSIST THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PERMISSION FOR WORK IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

--2. THE REMAINING FIFTY PERCENT TO BE PAID ON A
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PROPORTIONAL BASIS WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING REPORTS (THIS SECTION IS TO REPLACE APPENDIX 2 IN THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT).

------A. GENERAL CHEMICAL OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA FROM THE PERSIAN GULF AND GULF OF OMAN AREA--THIS REPORT WILL INCLUDE DATA ON THE CHEMICAL MASS BALANCE OF THE AREA AND RESIDENCE TIME OF WATER IN THE PERSIAN GULF AREA, AS WELL AS PRESENTING THE GENERAL CHEMICAL OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA AS DESCRIBED IN PROPOSAL BY BREWER.

------B. GENERAL BIOLOGICAL OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA INCLUDING INFORMATION ON PHYTOPLANKTON AND NEUSTON DISTRIBUTION AND SURFACE HYDROCARBON POLLUTION IN THE FORM OF TAR-BALLS WILL BE INCLUDED. THE BIOLOGICAL PROGRAM WILL BE MODIFIED BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVELY LATE START TO THE PROGRAM. NUTRIENT MEASUREMENTS WILL BE DEFERRED AND NO EXPERIMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON EGGS. IN ITS PLACE ZOOPLANKTON SAMPLING WILL BE ADDED TO THE PROGRAM

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AND MEASUREMENTS MADE OF BIOMASS DISTRIBUTION IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

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------C. GENERAL DATA ON BOTTOM SEDIMENTS AND CONCENTRATIONS OF HEAVY METAL POLLUTANTS (AN ATTEMPT WILL ALSO BE MADE FOR SOME HYDROCARBON ANALYSES ON THESE SEDIMENTS).

------D. GENERAL DATA ON THE GEOPHYSICAL NATURE OF THE PERSIAN GULF.

------E. REPORTS ON GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE PERSIAN GULF REGION, SUGGESTIONS FOR DESIGN AND EQUIPMENT OF PERSIAN GULF MARINE RESEARCH VESSELS, AND MARINE FIELD OPERATIONS EQUIPMENT.
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THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGE OF THE REMAINING FUNDS (50 PERCENT) SHALL BE PAID UPON RECEIPT OF EACH INDIVIDUAL REPORT (IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ALL REPORTS WILL BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1978). THESE PERCENTAGES ARE DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF WOODS HOLE COSTS AND IF ANY REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED ITS PERCENTAGE MAY BE ASSIGNED BY WOODS HOLE TO ANOTHER REPORT. PAYMENTS SHALL BE MADE BY ONE MONTH AFTER RECEIVING REPORT.

------A. CHEMICAL OCEANOGRAPHY-----15 PERCENT
------B. BIOLOGICAL OCEANOGRAPHY---40 PERCENT
------C. SEDIMENTS----------15 PERCENT
------D. GEOPHYSICS----------20 PERCENT
------E. BIBLIOGRAPHY, RESEARCH
----------VESSEL AND MARINE OPERATIONS--10 PERCENT

THE WORK ON THESE REPORTS WILL PRINCIPALLY BE DONE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE BASIC SCIENTIFIC DATA WILL BE HANDLED FOLLOWING NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION PROCEDURES. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAKE COPIES OF ANY DATA FROM THIS RESEARCH, EVEN IF NOT DONE UNDER THIS COOPERATIVE VENTURE, AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

OTHER POINTS. BECAUSE THE FIRST PORTION OF THE PROGRAM IS A MARINE OPERATION, SUBJECT TO THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE SEA, CERTAIN ALTERNATIONS IN THIS PHASE OF THE PROGRAM MAY BE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF CONDITIONS (SUCH AS THE

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WEATHER, ETC.) THAT ARE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION. IN SUCH AN EVENT, EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO FOLLOW THE ORIGINAL PLAN OR ONE OF EQUAL MERIT. IF POSSIBLE THERE WILL BE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT BEFORE
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ANY MAJOR CHANGES OCCUR. (THIS PARAGRAPH REFERS TO ARTICLE 16 IN THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT.)

DR. ED. HULBURT, AN ASSOCIATE INVESTIGATOR IN THE BIOLOGY PROGRAM, IS PRESENTLY ON A ONE-YEAR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION AND IS WORKING WITH ECO-ZIST IN IRAN. IF AGREEABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, HE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON THE PROGRAM. HIS DATA WILL BE SHARED WITH ECO-ZIST.

THE SPIRIT OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IS ENCOURAGED BETWEEN BOTH GROUPS AND FUTURE JOINT EFFORTS ARE HOPED FOR. UNQUOTE.
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